

REMARKS

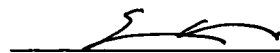
The Official Action mailed August 8, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 28, 2001 and May 9, 2005.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 35, 36, 38-43, 45-48, 50-105 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 62-73 and 76-105 have been canceled, leaving only allowed claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 35, 36, 38-43, 45-48, 50-61, 74, and 75 pending. Since all claims are now allowed, the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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